GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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SHELVING OF ACTION PLAN FOR CLOSING POLLUTING INDUSTRIAL UNITS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the action plan to close down the polluting industrial units operating in the residential areas of Delhi has been shelved;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any deadline has been fixed to close down and relocate the polluting units to save residents from the pollution related ailments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. In the 1st phase of closure of industries completed on 7.1.2001, 2773 industries were sealed. The Hon`ble Supreme Court vide its orders dated 8.2.2001 directed survey/sealing of the remaining 21,400 polluting industries. In the 2nd phase of closure, 756 industries were sealed. Thus, in the two phases, out of the total 34,998 industries surveyed, 3529 polluting industrial units were sealed, 1517 were found already sealed, in 2377 cases no industrial activity was found, 3494 had changed trade, 10,875 were found residential/vacant, 7058 were not in the list of 27 and 33 F category and 5801 were not in existence/non-traceable.

Surprise checks are conducted by the Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi of the sealed units. Sealed units found re-open are re-sealed and further action is taken.

(c)&(d): Industrial plots have been allotted to all the polluting and `F` category industries which had applied under the Relocation Scheme and were found eligible under the Scheme. The Govt.of N.C.T. of Delhi has reported that the development work under the Relocation Scheme is progressing and the work is expected to be completed by September, 2002.